

Editorial

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Our theme in this issue of the *Forum* is endangered species. However, *endangered* can be used to describe the status of many things, like traditions, cultures, and languages.

Although the English language does not seem to be endangered, it is continuously changing, much like life. The *Forum* is no exception. At times we even thought that the *Forum* was in danger of becoming extinct, but it survives because it changes.

I, like many of you, have made many changes in my life. I have changed locations about 35 times and have made five career changes, so I am no stranger to change. But, I do know that change is often painful and resisted, because it leaves behind people and things that are familiar and comfortable to us. Often changes lead to positive results. For example, it was because of my fellowship as a Fulbright lecturer in Honduras that I first learned about the foreign service.

As you may have guessed by now, I am leaving the *Forum* to make a new career change. No adjectives can describe how wonderful this experience has been both professionally and personally. I have made new friends and these people have influenced my life and its direction forever.

I wish you all Farewell, Au revoir, Adios, and Auf Wiedersehen.